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Subject: Concerns about HB228

- ASMSU would like to ensure that MUS exemptions from relevant sections (allow Board of Regents the authority to make policy on MUS campuses) remain in the bill as drafted in grey bill version 5 – necessary for sections 3 (display firearm), 6 (landlord/tenant), and 7 (carry concealed).
- ASMSU has serious concerns regarding concealed carry sections of this bill which would remove the necessity to have a permit or go through any vetting process (section 9).
- ASMSU has general safety concerns with regards to section 3 – we feel this section is still unclear and has the potential to legalize escalation.
- ASMSU has concerns regarding including an amended version of SB92 (Senator Jent's Castle Doctrine) – as SB92 has not passed yet we would want to make sure the language in this bill would be the same as that included in HB228.
- Generally, this bill is vague and ambiguous. As a specific example, ASMSU feels that the distinction between justifiable use of force in self-defense and outright aggression is made incredibly unclear by this legislation.